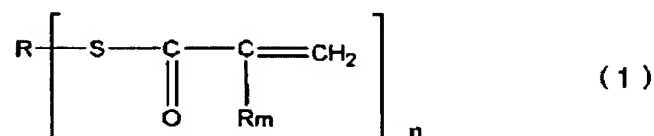


AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

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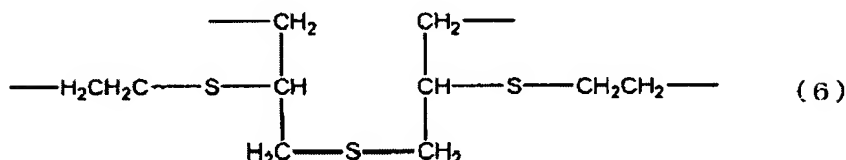
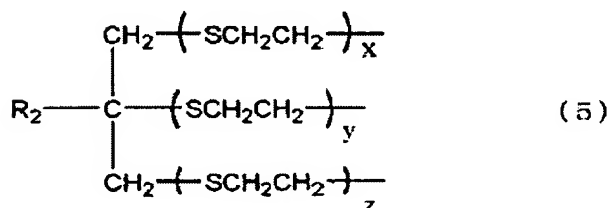
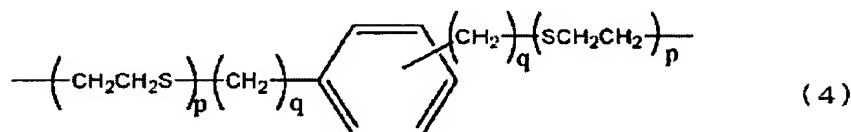
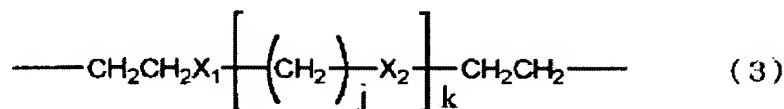
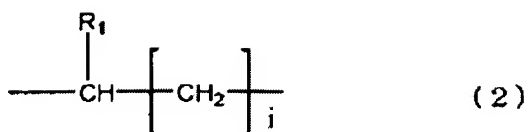
This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Original) A composition comprising (a) a thio(meth)acrylate compound represented by the general formula (1) and (b) ultrafine inorganic particles:



wherein a linking(or connecting) group R represents an aliphatic residue, an aromatic residue, an alicyclic residue or a heterocyclic residue or an aliphatic residue having an oxygen atom, a sulfur atom, an aromatic ring, an aliphatic ring, or a heterocycle in the chain; R_m represents each independently a hydrogen atom or a methyl group; and n is an integer of 1 to 4.

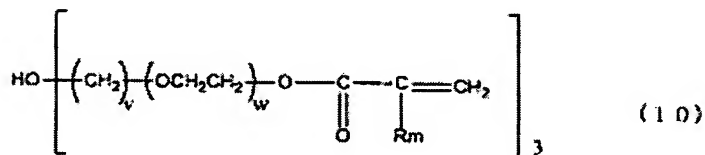
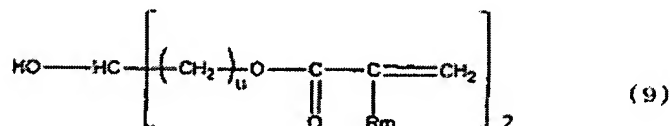
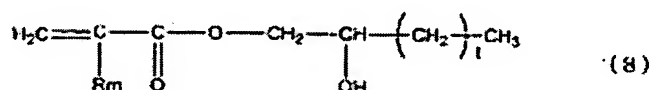
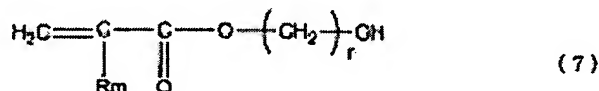
2. (Currently Amended) The composition according to claim 1, wherein a linking group R in the general formula (1) is represented by one of the following formulae (2) to (6):



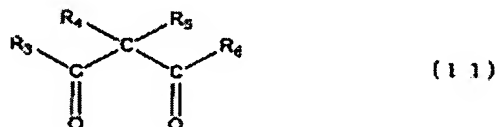
wherein ~~R_m is each independently a hydrogen atom or a methyl group~~; R₁ is a hydrogen atom or a methyl group; R₂ represents a hydrogen atom, a methyl group or an ethyl group; X₁ and X₂ represent oxygen atoms or sulfur atoms; i is an integer of 1 to 5; j is an integer of 0 to 2; k, p, q, x, y and z are 0 or 1 respectively.

3. (Currently Amended) The composition according to ~~claims 1 or claim~~ 2, further comprising (c) a (meth)acrylate compound having a (thio)urethane bond.

4. (Currently Amended) The composition according to ~~any one of claims 1 to claim 3~~, further comprising (d) one or more hydroxyl group-containing (meth)acrylate compounds represented by the general formulae (7) to (10) and (e) a β -diketone compound represented by the general formula (11):



wherein R_m represents a hydrogen atom or a methyl group; r and t are each an integer of 1 to 4; u is each independently an integer of 1 to 4; v is each independently an integer of 1 to 4; w is each independently an integer of 0 to 4:



wherein R_4 and R_5 represent hydrogen atoms or such ones that one is a hydrogen atom and another is a straight chain or branched C_1 to C_4 alkyl group; R_3 and R_6 represent hydrogen atoms or each independently a hydrogen atom, a C_1 to C_4 alkyl group, a hydroxyl group, an aliphatic residue, an aromatic residue, an

alicyclic residue, a heterocyclic residue, or C₁ to C₆ alkyl group containing one or more ether groups, ester groups, thioester groups or ketone groups in the chain structure; or R₃ and R₅ may be combined together to form C₅ to C₁₀ rings which may be substituted with one or more C₂ to C₄ alkylene groups.

5. (Currently Amended) The composition according to ~~any one of claims 1 to claim 4~~, wherein a curing layer of 2 μm thickness that the composition is coated on the surface of a resin plate having a thiourethane bond or an epithiosulfide bond and then cured with ultraviolet rays has (1) evaluation score of a cross-hatch, tape-peeling test (JIS-K5400) of 6 or more; and (2) pencil scratch test value (JIS-K5400) of 3H or more.

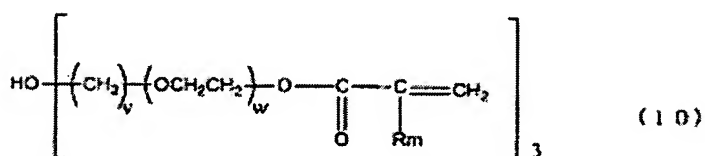
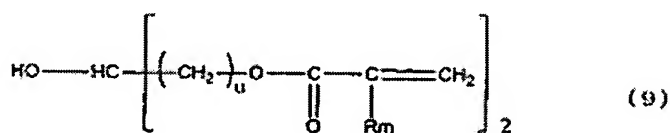
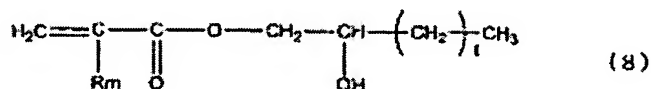
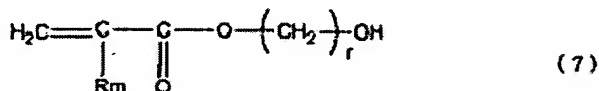
6. (Currently Amended) A coating composition comprising the composition as described in ~~any one of claims 1 to claim 5~~.

7. (Currently Amended) An optical material comprising the composition as described in ~~any one of claims 1 to claim 5~~.

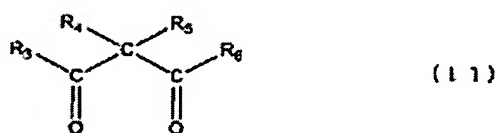
8. (New) The composition according to claim 1, further comprising (c) a (meth)acrylate compound having a (thio)urethane bond.

9. (New) The composition according to claim 1, further comprising (d) one or more hydroxyl group-containing (meth)acrylate compounds represented by

the general formulae (7) to (10) and (e) a β -diketone compound represented by the general formula (11):



wherein R_m represents a hydrogen atom or a methyl group; r and t are each an integer of 1 to 4; u is each independently an integer of 1 to 4; v is each independently an integer of 1 to 4; w is each independently an integer of 0 to 4:



wherein R_4 and R_5 represent hydrogen atoms or such ones that one is a hydrogen atom and another is a straight chain or branched C_1 to C_4 alkyl group; R_3 and R_6 represent hydrogen atoms or each independently a hydrogen atom, a C_1 to C_4 alkyl group, a hydroxyl group, an aliphatic residue, an aromatic residue, an alicyclic residue, a heterocyclic residue, or C_1 to C_6 alkyl group containing one or more ether groups, ester groups, thioester groups or ketone groups in the chain

structure; or R_3 and R_5 may be combined together to form C_5 to C_{10} rings which may be substituted with one or more C_2 to C_4 alkylene groups.

10. (New) The composition according to claim 1, wherein a curing layer of 2 μm thickness that the composition is coated on the surface of a resin plate having a thiourethane bond or an epithiosulfide bond and then cured with ultraviolet rays has (1) evaluation score of a cross-hatch, tape-peeling test (JIS-K5400) of 6 or more; and (2) pencil scratch test value (JIS-K5400) of 3H or more.

11. (New) A coating composition comprising the composition as described in claim 1.

12. (New) An optical material comprising the composition as described in claim 1.